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Chairman, Subcommittee on National
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Senator Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.), Chairman, announced today that recently retired Ambassadors Ellis O. Briggs and H. Freeman Matthews will testify in open session on the role and problems of U.S. ambassadors and U.S. missions abroad. They will appear before the Subcommittee on National Security Staffing and Operations in its nonpartisan study on the administration of national security.

"To a degree the primacy of the ambassador in a U.S. mission abroad is a polite fiction," Jackson said. "The government has not yet fully faced the problem of adjusting its organization and procedures to the growth in U.S. overseas operations."

Jackson added: "Ambassador Briggs and Ambassador Matthews both speak with the authority of nearly four decades of distinguished performance in the Foreign Service."

Hearing dates are:

ELLIS O. BRIGGS -- Friday, June 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Joined Foreign Service 1925.
Director, Office American Republic Affairs, State Department, 1945-47; Ambassador to Uruguay, 1947; to Czechoslovakia, 1949; to Korea, 1952; to Peru, 1955; to Brazil, 1956; to Greece, 1959; and to Spain. Appointed career ambassador in Foreign Service. Retired 1962.

H. FREEMAN MATTHEWS -- Monday, June 17 at 10:00 a.m.

Joined Foreign Service 1924.
Director, Office European Affairs, State Department, 1944-47; Ambassador to Sweden, 1947-50; Deputy Under Secretary of State, 1950-53; Ambassador to Netherlands, 1953-57; to Austria 1957. Appointed career ambassador in Foreign Service. Retired 1962.

Hearings will be open to the public. The hearing room is Room 3302, New Senate Office Building.